

## **HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a family of Christians saved by God's grace to proclaim the good news to our community and to the world by word and action.*

### **The Service**

**8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

**March 10, 2024**

### **GATHERING**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*"God Loved The World"* - setting by Edwin T. Childs

\*The Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, (+) one God, who forgives all our sin whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

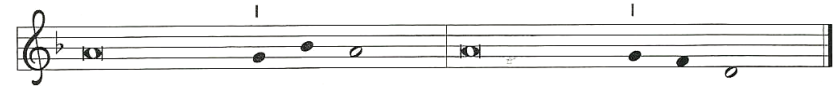
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection. (We kneel.)*

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent; self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love. Let us continue our journey through these forty days.

[we stand]



## **Psalm 107**

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God's mercy endures forever.

**<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

**<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

**<sup>17</sup>Some were fools and took rebellious paths;  
through their sins they were afflicted.**

**<sup>18</sup>They loathed all manner of food  
and drew near to death's door.**

**<sup>19</sup>Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD  
and you delivered them from their distress.**

**<sup>20</sup>You sent forth your word and healed them  
and rescued them from the grave.**

**<sup>21</sup>Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love  
and your wonderful works for all people.**

**<sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.**

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**DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH WE ARE COLLECTING NEEDED  
ITEMS FOR A.I.M. - ITEMS INCLUDE:** Peanut Butter, rice, dried beans, pasta,  
canned meat, canned fruit, canned soup, oatmeal, grits, flour, sugar, cereal, cooking  
oil—cleaning/personal hygiene list: bath soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste,  
toothbrushes, toilet tissue, laundry soap, bleach, cleaning solutions (Lysol, Mr.  
Clean for example). Please note: perishables are not included.

**SERVING YOU TODAY – March 10, 2024**

Minister..... Pastor Fischer  
Organist/Choir Director.....Jill Helgeson  
Acolytes.....(E) Cathy Rudisill (L) Katie Fischer  
Lectors.....(E) Robert Allen (L) Joshua Fischer  
Video/IT Engineer.....Paul Wagner/Christopher Caldwell/Connor Caldwell  
Tabulators.....Claude Calloway & Amy Goodson  
Ushers:  
(E ) Mike Cox - Captain, Leslie Cox, Suzie Bannister, Robert Allen, Olin Bell, Tom Adrian  
(L) Mike Oates - Captain, Dave Korn, Sandi Jordan, Cherie Brown, Kristie Evans, Chad Evans  
Church Secretary.....Pat Ross  
President .....Beth Cribbe  
Vice-President.....Rynde Dial  
Treasurer.....Diane Richardson  
Council Secretary.....Lauren Guthre

**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK  
March 10 – March 16**

**TODAY**

8:45 a.m. Worship Service (In Sanctuary)  
Early Choir Practice  
10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)  
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall)  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (In Sanctuary)

**MON.**

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**TUES.**

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong Practice (Sanctuary)  
6:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study (Pairs and Spares Room)

**WED.**

10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)  
6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper (Fellowship Hall) Host – Lutheran Men In Mission  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service (Sanctuary)

**THUR.**

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong Practice (Sanctuary)  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED March 3** - Operating Fund \$8,091.62, World Hunger Fund \$50.00, Audio Device Fund \$425.00, Lenten Offerings \$326.00, Easter Lillies Fund \$152.00, Lutheran Men In Mission Fund \$120.00, Endowment Fund \$40.00, Prayer Garden Fund \$100.00

**ATTENDANCE**

Sunday Worship Services – March 3 – 8:45 a.m. (59) 11:00 a.m. (52)  
Mid-Week Service – March 6 – 7:00 p.m. (39)

\*Hymn **“Give To Our God Immortal Praise!”** **Hymn #848**

\*The Greeting  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

\*The Kyrie (sung responsively) page 120

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Help save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

\*The Prayer of the Day  
O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of Your Son You lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into Your light, that all our deeds may reflect Your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**WORD**

Children’s Sermon  
The First Lesson (Numbers 21:4-9)

Psalm 107 Bulletin Inside Cover

The Second Lesson (Ephesians 2:1-10)  
\*The Gospel Acclamation **“Let Your Steadfast Love”** page 125

*The gospel is announced:* The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

\*The Holy Gospel (John 3:14-21) Bulletin Cover  
*After the reading:* The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon **“TO WALK IN THE WAY OF LOVE”**

**\*Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth,**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*The Peace is Shared

The Offering is Received

Offertory Anthem

*“At The Foot of The Cross”*

Soloist: Lauren Guthrie

At the foot of the cross, I can hardly take it in,  
That the King of all creation was dying for my sin;  
And the pain and agony, and the thorns that pierced your head,  
And the hardness of my sinful heart that left you there for dead.

And, oh, what mercy I have found at the cross of Calvary;  
I will never know your loneliness, all on account of me.  
And I will bow my knee before your throne, ‘cause your love has set me free;  
And I will give my life to you, dear Lord, and praise your majesty.

Derek Bond

<u>LOOKING AHEAD</u>		
<b>Sunday Morning Worship March 17 - Worship Assistants</b>		
	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolytes	Claude Calloway	Landen Moody
Lectors	Susan Straup	Nancy Korn
Assisting Ministers	Susan Straup	Nancy Korn
March 17	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Early Choir Practice (After Worship) Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room) Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) Worship Service (Sanctuary)	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
March 19	Choral Evensong (Sanctuary)	7:30 p.m.
March 20	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room) Lenten Supper (Fellowship Hall) Host – Potluck Supper Lenten Service (Sanctuary ) Choir Practice to follow	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
March 23	Quilters (Quilting Room)	10:00 a.m.
March 24	Worship Service (Sanctuary) Early Choir Practice (After Worship) <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Youth Sunday School Class (Youth Room) Adult Sunday School Class (Fellowship Hall) Worship Service (Sanctuary) <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
March 25	Lutheran Men In Mission Supper Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
March 26	Bible Study (Pairs and Spares)	6:00 p.m.
March 27	T.O.P.S. (Pairs and Spares Room)	10:00 a.m.
March 28	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> w/Holy Communion <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE</b> w/Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar	12:00 noon 7:00 p.m.
March 29	<b>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE</b>	12:00 noon 7:00 p.m.
March 31	Worship Service w/Holy Communion (Sanctuary) <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Breakfast to follow in Fellowship Hall. No choir practice after worship Worship Service w/Holy Communion (Sanctuary) <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	7:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
April 1	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	

# 2024 LENTEN WORSHIP AND SUPPER SCHEDULE

## Sermon Series: “Bread for the Journey”

**Notes:** Both Maundy Thursday Services, and Good Friday Services will be identical, except that the evening Maundy Service will include the Stripping of the Altar.

Wednesday, March 13      6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [Lutheran Men in Mission to host]  
Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m.      Message: “More Than Bread”

Wednesday, March 20      6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper [Congregational Potluck Meal]  
Lenten Service – 7:00 p.m.      Message: “Abundant Bread”

Thursday, March 28 – Maundy Thursday  
[no meal] Maundy Thursday Worship Services 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.  
Message: “Body Bread”

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday  
[no meal] Good Friday Worship Services 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.  
Message: “Betrayers Bread”

## LENT

### Just a reminder

The Forty Days before Easter are the Lenten season. During this time we omit the refrains that are connected to celebrating Christ’s resurrection and we use the verses appropriate for Lent. They are:

- We refrain from singing Allelulias because of its connection to Easter.
- There is no Absolution (minister declaring our forgiveness, page 118) for all of Lent is a time of self-examination.
- Omit the Hymn of Praise: “Glory to God in the highest” and we instead lead straight into The Prayer of the Day.
- We sing the Lenten verse: “Let your steadfast Love” page 125.
- We use the Apostles’ Creed.

**On Easter Sunday, March 31, we will return to the verses praising our Lord and His resurrection.**

\*The Offertory Hymn

*“Create In Me”*

Hymn # 186

The Prayers of Intercession

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation. (We kneel.)

*The Minister concludes each petition with “Lord In Your Mercy,” and the response is, “Hear our Prayer.”*

The Lord’s Prayer

L. Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is**

**in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the**

**glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### SENDING

The Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

\*The Hymn

*“Lift High The Cross”*

Hymn # 660

**(Silence is observed for meditation as candles are extinguished.)**

The Dismissal

Minister: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

*“O God of Mercy, God of Light”*

- Joseph Barnby

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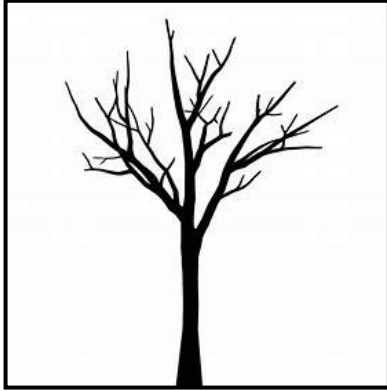
(\*) “Indicates congregation to stand”

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Paul Rummage to the glory of God and in loving memory of his wife, Elaine.

**WARM GREETINGS AND LOVE IN CHRIST** are extended to all members and visitors. We trust that you will experience the warmth of Christian fellowship and the inspiration of God's presence here today. Prayer Request Cards (yellow cards) are located in the pew holders. Please place these in the offering plate. Names will be listed in next week's bulletin.

Holy Trinity celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of the month and all major festivals of the church.



### Why Is That Dead Tree in the Church?

You can't help but notice the "dead" tree covered in caterpillars which has appeared in the Sanctuary. You may question - why is it here or what is it about?

Things are different in both the church and nature this time of year. There are some things "sleeping" in our worship such as the use of Alleluias. Everything in our yards such as the grass and trees look dead but they too are just "sleeping". Some of God's creatures such as caterpillars make cocoons. Although we might think they are dead, they actually have rebirth as a butterfly.

This tree is actually here to help each of us to remember that while the weather often is cool and gray and the grass is brown and the trees bare, there is the hope that Spring is coming! Bulbs are blooming and the days are getting longer. Just as we have hope for Spring, Lent gives us a time to hope for Easter and the promise that the resurrection brings. Just as the change of seasons brings surprises, keep watching the tree thru the Lenten season – there are more surprises to come!

In past years this has been a project of the LCY and the Sunday School children but this year we included all families of the congregation during a Family Fun Night event.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WHAT: Choral Evensong  
WHEN: Tuesday, March 19 7:30 p.m.  
WHERE: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – sanctuary

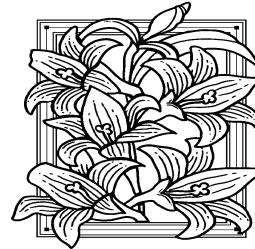
The Anderson University Music Students and the Church of the Ascension, Anglican Church will be using our sanctuary for this special event. You are invited to this Evensong event, a church service traditionally held near sunset focused on singing the psalms and other biblical canticles. It is loosely based on the canonical hours of vespers and compline. Old English speakers translated the Latin word *vesperis*, which became 'evensong' in modern English.

### Hear This!



**WE DID IT!!!!**  
Thanks to your generosity, we now have adequate funds to purchase an assistive listening system for members of our congregation that may need help in "hearing better" during our services. We will soon be purchasing The *Listening Technologies* system, which is compatible with our church's sound system. This package will include: a transmitter, an antenna, a mounting kit, 4 receivers, four headset ear speakers, two lanyards, and a charging station. Additional headsets may be purchased if it is determined that more are needed.

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### EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

We would like to place Easter Lilies in our windows and on the Chancel steps for the services on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$19.00. If you desire to place an order for one or more lilies, please use the form below. Fill in the information and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office as soon as possible. The deadline is Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Note: Payment must accompany your order.

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_ Lilies

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Other (To the Glory of God) \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Because 35 lilies must be special ordered from Whitten's to have them arrive at their peak for Easter, they will be assigned on a first-ordered, first-served basis. When 35 have been assigned, no more can be purchased. Thanks for your understanding.

The Worship and Music Committee

## Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion

7:00 a.m.

Breakfast to follow



## Worship Service with Holy Communion

11:00 a.m.

### CROSS OF FLOWERS

**Again, this year the cross will be outside in front of the church. Please remember to bring your flowers Easter Sunday morning from your garden or from the grocery store to cover the cross. This is a great opportunity for family photos. What a beautiful way to celebrate our risen Lord!**



### **Smile, It's Picture Time!**

It has been four years since we last updated our pictorial directory for the congregation. Dave Korn will be taking photos after both worship services on Easter Sunday. More details to follow.

### PRAYER LIST

3/1 Padgett, Waltz, Holman Families  
3/1 The Family of James Maxwell  
3/1 Doris Burdette  
3/1 Mary Ell  
3/1 Martha & Donnie Ashley  
2/28 Ronnie Lollis  
2/25 Matt Roehrs  
2/25 Donna Mangubat  
2/25 Betty Newsome  
2/25 Sharon Kautz  
2/25 Johnny Garrison  
2/25 Craig Rudolph  
2/25 The Family of Larry Evans  
2/25 Dustin Evans  
2/25 Judy Jarrett  
2/25 Whitney Capps  
2/18 The Family of Ron Branyon  
2/18 The Family of Ruth Stevenson  
2/18 Phil Cahaly  
2/18 Rhonda Bunton  
2/18 Marty Becker  
2/11 Bob Whitley  
2/11 The Family of Jim Crawford  
2/4 Donna Macher and Family  
2/4 The Family of Richard Polsdorfer  
2/4 Mary Jane Hawkins  
2/4 The Family of John Colpepper  
2/4 The Family of Wayne Henry  
2/4 The Family of Colin Roberts  
2/4 Don Dickens  
2/4 Bobby Watt  
2/4 Patrick Sidoti  
1/28 Coach Dickie Smith  
1/28 Roy Jeffcoat  
1/28 Van Payton  
1/28 Harry Coggins  
1/28 Lynn Ziemba  
1/28 Austin & Stacie Nixon  
1/28 The Family of Edward Emanuel  
1/21 Whitney Moody  
1/21 Norma & Leonard Toner

### SPONSORS

Vicki & John Lybrand  
Andy & Sharon Christmas  
Jane Potter  
Connie Adams  
Kati Smith  
Jill Helgeson  
Kate Roehrs  
Beth Fischer  
Cathey Sale  
Dan & Lori Jacobson  
Rita Bell  
Andy & Sharon Christmas  
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Beth Fischer  
Mike & Bobbi Metz  
Jill Helgeson  
Jill Helgeson  
Congregation  
Gail Cannon  
John Stricker  
Brenda McGowan  
Rita Bell  
Congregation  
Congregation  
Gail Cannon  
Pat Ross  
Rita Bell  
The Stokes Family  
Jane Potter  
Michael Oates  
Helen Sidoti  
Rette Stokes  
Rette Stokes  
Jill Helgeson  
Marijane Coggins  
Mike Ziemba  
Amber Oates  
Ben & Bonnie Emanuel  
The Stokes & Moody Families  
Robert & Vicki Allen

1/21 The Callahan Family  
1/21 The Family of Linda Lowery

Rebecca Emanuel  
Ben & Bonnie Emanuel

## ENDOWMENT FUND CHARITABLE GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Endowment Committee will be meeting in early April to select the charities that will receive grant funds in 2024.

As in the past, if you have a charity that you would like to have considered for a grant, please send an email to Dave Rasche (aes4dr@gmail.com), or any committee member or the church office, listing the charity, what they do and any comments why they should be considered.

Thank you

### LONG TERM PRAYERS

Scott Smith  
Ronnie Standridge  
Gretchen Fant  
Mike Borron  
Henri Holmes Adair Baker  
Judith Womer  
Gabrielle Godfrey  
Richard Benedict  
Carolyn Culbreath  
Abby Barrett & Family  
Chris Goodwin  
Buddy & Lesley Taylor  
Jean Vinson  
Kathy Weeks  
Linda Rikard  
Judy Jarrett  
Ross King  
Willy E. Johnson  
Donna Welborn  
Michael Morrison  
Pruitt Martin  
Kenneth  
Joan Stinson  
Susan Socha  
Robert Scribner  
Danny Rouse  
Sandy Matlack Forrest  
Laura Wagner  
Sue Walthall  
David Lane  
Nina & Larry Sherman

### SPONSOR

Andy & Sharon Christmas  
Gail Cannon  
Jill Helgeson  
Paul Wagner  
The Stokes Family  
Lauren Guthre  
Brenda McGowan  
Dave & Sue Rasche  
The Stokes Family  
Jay & Suzie Bannister  
The Fischer Family  
Marisa Adrian  
Bob Vinson  
Tom Weeks  
Bob & Susan Straup  
The Fischer Family  
Cherie Brown  
The Stokes Family  
The Stokes Family  
Jill Helgeson  
Bob Vinson  
Jay & Suzie Bannister  
Brenda McGowan  
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt  
Jan House  
Brenda McGowan  
Jill Helgeson  
Paul Wagner  
Bob & Susan Straup  
Dan & Johnnie Hunnicutt  
Jill Helgeson

Holy Trinity Litter Warriors  
Litter Pick Up Day  
Saturday, April 6  
9:00-11:30 AM



### Service Committee News

No one likes litter! We are blessed to live in a beautiful community and we want to keep it that way. On April 6th, the Service Committee will be sponsoring a Litter Pick Up Day from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Supplies for this project (e.g., safety vests, grabbers, gloves and bags) will be provided. The specific location/locations will be announced prior to the date.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the room off of the narthex beginning on March 17th. Please join us, even if you can only come for an hour. This is a wonderful activity for families with older children. Come help the Holy Trinity Litter Warriors beautify our community.

In case of rain, the project will be rescheduled for Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Service Committee is also requesting ideas about areas in our community that need to be cleaned. If you have an idea, please contact Leslie Cox at 301-788-9035 or Jamie Corrigan at 864-224-8070.